

# Player's Contract

## National Negro Association of Professional Baseball Clubs

LEAGUE.....NEGRO NATIONAL

THIS AGREEMENT MADE THIS 7th DAY OF April 1944

BY AND BETWEEN The Newark Eagles Baseball Club

HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "CLUB" AND Francis Matthews

11 Marble St. OF Roxbury Mass.  
HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "PLAYER."

1. The Club hereby agrees to pay the player for his skilled services as a baseball player during the season of 1944.....  
which shall extend from May 1st to Sept. 15th 1944;

a salary of \$250.00 per month, payable semi-monthly on the 1st and 15th days of each month during the period while this contract continues in effect between the parties hereto.

2. The Player, during the season of 1944 shall faithfully serve the Club, and must keep himself in first class physical condition and at all times conform his personal conduct and deportment, both on and off the playing field, to standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship.

3. The Club will provide and furnish the player with transportation, board, and lodgings while "abroad," or traveling with the Club on the road or in other cities.

4. In order to fit himself for his duties under this contract, the Player agrees, at his own expense and without expense to the Club, to report for service, at least.....days before the opening of the season of the National Negro Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, which season shall be the same as the term of this contract, the player, however, to receive board and lodgings, from the Club, during said training period.

5. The Player shall report at the field of play, whether at home or "abroad," in uniform at least one hour before the time stated for such game to be played, and for his failure to do so he shall, at the discretion of the Club, be fined \$5.00 for each infraction. The Player also agrees that he may be subjected to a fine of \$10.00 for being put out of any League game, by an umpire during the League season. Should a Player strike an umpire before or after during a League game, he shall be fined \$25.00 and suspended for the next three successive League games. The League umpire shall collect these fines at once out of the Club's share to whom the Player belongs. If Club refuses to pay, umpire shall forfeit the game to the other Club but continue the game as an exhibition game. The fine shall then be collected and mailed, registered letter, to the Treasurer. The second offense of any Player striking an umpire shall, in addition to the \$25.00 fine, prohibit the Player in any League game until ruled upon by the Advisory Board of League Owners.

6. In the event of failure of the Player to report for practice or to participate in any exhibition games, when requested, a penalty, by way of a fine, may be imposed by the Club, not to exceed \$15.00, the same to be deducted from the compensation stipulated herein.

7. This contract may be terminated by the Club, or by any assignee of this contract by giving the Player five (5) days' written notice of such termination.

8. The Player agrees that in the event he should be transferred to some other Club, and his contract assigned to such Club, the Club..... shall be released from any and all liability under this contract and the Player shall look to the transferee and assignee for compliance with its terms.

In case of injuries or sickness *not* contracted while performing duties for the Club the Player shall not be paid by the Club.

With the exception of above articles, the rules of Major Minor League shall be in effect; especially the clause which refers to betting on baseball games.

In Witness Whereof.....  
has annexed its common or corporate seal, duly attested by its proper officer, and the Player hereunto set his hand and seal.

WITNESSES.....

..... ATTEST The Newark Eagles Baseball Club

..... SECRETARY

*This contract subject to United States Ruling on Baseball.*